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SUBJ: SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR REFUGEE PAROLE

1. FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CASE OFFICERS IN THE REFUGEE SECTION HERE, THE FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS FOR CRITERIA GOVERNING THE PAROLE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. ADDITIONAL VIEWS MAY BE PROVIDED AFTER VISITS TO REFUGEE CAMPS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.
 2. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE JULY 1 CUT-OFF WILL BE WAIVED FOR ALL REFUGEES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE.
 3. WE HAVE TRIED TO DRAW UP THE CRITERIA BELOW SO AS TO BE APPLICABLE TO ALL ETHNIC GROUPS AMONG THE REFUGEE POPULATION. THE CRITERIA WOULD BE APPLIED IN PRIORITY ORDER, BY CATEGORY AND SUB-CATEGORY.
 4. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SUGGESTED CHANGE IS THE RESTRICTIVENESS OF OUR CATEGORY I DEFINITION. OUR EXPERIENCE HERE IS THAT EXTENDED FAMILIES HAVE USED NUMBERS WHICH MIGHT HAVE GONE TO OTHER WORTHY PRINCIPALS AND THEIR SMALLER FAMILIES. ALSO, THERE HAS BEEN AN UNVERIFIABLE INCIDENCE OF FRAUD IN THEN
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DOCUMENTATION OF MANY EXTENDED RELATIVES. WE ACCORDINGLY

SUGGEST IN THE CRITERIA BELOW THAT THE BULK OF THESE RELATIVES BE MOVED TO A LOW PRIORITY NEAR THE BOTTOM OF CATEGORY III. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT CAT. I INCLUDE RELATIVES OF THOSE ON INDEFINITE VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE STATUS.

5. WE WOULD HOPE THAT NEW CRITERIA WOULD ALLOW FOR PROCEDURES TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL SPECIAL CASES NOT COVERED BY CRITERIA. THIS WOULD LEAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF UNANTICIPATED REFUGEE CASES OF WORTH.

6. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED CRITERIA:

CATEGORY I - THE FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS, REFUGEES AND PERSONS ON INDEFINITE VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE STATUS:

- A. SPOUSES AND CHILDREN
- B. PARENTS AND PARENTS OF SPOUSES
- C. MINOR (UNDER 21 UNMARRIED SIBLINGS).

CATEGORY II - DIRECT EMPLOYEES OF THE US GOVERNMENT AS OF AND SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 1, 1970 AND THEIR RELATIVES AS DEFINED IN CATEGORY I ABOVE.

CATEGORY III -

A. CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT

1. FORMER EMPLOYEES FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OF U.S. PRIVATE FIRMS OR U.S. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND FOUNDATIONS WHO HELD SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND WERE EMPLOYED AS OF OR SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 1, 1970.

2. PERSONS WHO TRAINED IN THE U.S. AT THE POST-HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL FOR 6 MONTHS OR MORE.

3. HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS OF FORMER GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT OF SENSITIVE, U.S. SPONSORED OR FINANCIALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS.
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4. PERSONS TRAINED OUTSIDE THE U.S. FOR A YEAR OR MORE IN A U.S. FINANCED PROGRAM.

5. RECIPIENTS OF HIGH U.S. MILITARY OR POLITICAL AWARDS OR DECORATIONS.

6. SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYEES OF THE USG WHO HAD A BREAK IN

SERVICE SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 1, 1970.

B. CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER GOVERNMENTS:

1. FORMER OFFICIALS WHOSE POSITION IN FORMER INDO-CHINESE GOVERNMENTS WAS OF A SENSITIVE MILITARY OR POLITICAL NATURE OR WHOSE STATUS WAS SUCH THAT ABSORPTION IN THIRD COUNTRIES WOULD POSE PARTICULAR OBSTACLES.

2. OTHER SELECTED PERSONNEL WHO WERE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN INTELLIGENCE OR SECURITY RELATED PROGRAMS.

3. FORMER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN OFFICIALS WHO HAD SUPERVISORY OR COMMAND POSITIONS.

4. PERSONS WHO WERE ACTIVELY CONNECTED THROUGH ORGANIZED PROGRAMS WITH U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES TO THE EXTENT THAT A RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND WOULD LEAD TO PERSECUTION.

C. PROMINENT PRIVATE CITIZENS: THOSE PERSONS WITH UNIVERSITY LEVEL EDUCATIONS WHO ENJOYED RECOGNIZED POSITIONS IN THEIR FIELDS.

D. PERSONS OF SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL OR RELIGIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

E. OTHER RELATIVES: MAJOR SIBLINGS, MARRIED, MINOR SIBLINGS AND THOSE CASES WHERE THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS MORE DISTANTLY RELATED SUCH AS AUNTS, UNCLES, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE RELATED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
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1. U.S. CITIZEN
2. PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN
3. REFUGEE EVACUATED BY THE U.S.
4. FORMER U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

F. CASES OF SIGNIFICANT HUMANITARIAN MERIT, E.G. HEADS OF FAMILIES WHOSE DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN PAROLED IN THE U.S. WHITEHOUSE

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